**Prosecution Alternatives For Youth** 

## **Mission**

To partner with the community in providing effective diversion services for delinquent youth by promoting public safety, offender accountability, and competency development in order to prevent further criminal activity.

## **Business Strategy**

Prosecution Alternatives for Youth (PAY) provides juvenile diversion for Seminole County, including Teen/Peer Court, Community Arbitration Programs (CAP), and Juvenile Alternative Services Programs (JASP). Teen/Peer Court is conducted by teen volunteers; CAP and JASP clients are heard by volunteer arbitrators. Teen Court is designed for high school students and the Peer Court initiative is targeted for middle school students. Sanctions are assigned to prevent further delinquency. Diversion case management includes hearing cases and monitoring and ensuring completion of sanctions. Diversion provides cost-effective delinquency intervention, costing less than \$200 per case (compared with \$1,000 for the formal court system). In terms of quality of life, the value of early intervention is immeasurable.

## **Objectives**

Provide each juvenile client an alternative which will reduce caseload in the formal juvenile court system, and reduce the number of juveniles placed on probation.

Assign sanctions to educate each juvenile client as to his/her responsibility to the law and their obligation to "give back" to the community.

Diagnose and assist youths with chemical dependency and counseling needs, and provide resources to address these needs.

Encourage community involvement in juvenile justice by training and utilizing volunteer arbitrators/hearing officers and teen/peer court participants.

Improve the quality of life for juvenile clients, their families, and all residents of Seminole County by reducing juvenile crime.

Division: Section:  EXPENDITURES:	2002/03 Actual Expenditures	2003/04 Adopted	2004/05 Tentative		FY 2004/0 Change between
	Actual		Tentative		Change between
EXPENDITURES:	Actual		Tentative	2004/05	between
EXPENDITURES:		Budget	Approved Budget	Adopted Budget	Tentative Approved & Adopted Budg
Personal Services	349,882	402,732	429,624	435,390	5,76
Operating Services	73,136	81,222	80,922	81,961	1,03
Capital Outlay	30,122	-	-	· -	
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	
Grants and Aid	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal Operating	453,140	483,954	510,546	517,351	6,80
Capital Improvements	'.	_	-	-	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	453,140	483,954	510,546	517,351	6,80
FUNDING SOURCE(S)		´		-	
General Fund	453,140	483,954	510,546	517,351	6,80
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCE(S)	453,140	483,954	510,546	517,351	6,80
Full Time Positions	8	8	8	8	
Part-Time Positions	1	1	1	1	
Requested Changes					